



WARREN

Worcester County



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NARRATIVE

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The Town of Warren is a small rural community located midway between Worcester and Springfield. It was first settled in the 1720's as part of the Quaboag Plantation. Warren's notable physical attributes are its hills and the Quaboag River, which runs through its center.

For many years the economic base was agriculture and the fabric industry. The latter was the result of the location of many mills along the Quaboag River. Today, only two mills and half a dozen farms remain. In recent years Warren has attracted many former city dwellers who still commute to work in the cities of Worcester or Springfield and return to this peaceful community at the end of their day.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Central Massachusetts, bordered by West Brookfield on the north and east, Brookfield on the southeast, Brimfield on the south, and Palmer on the west. Warren is 24 miles west of Worcester, 27 miles northeast of Springfield, and 64 miles west of Boston.

Total Area: 27.62 sq. miles

Land Area: 27.53 sq. miles

Population: 4,437

Density: 161 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(East Brimfield Lake Station)

Normal temperature in January.....21.5°F

Normal temperature in July.....70.3°F

Normal annual precipitation.....45.0"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Warren, Palmer, Ware

Regional Planning Agency

Central Massachusetts

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (413) 436-5701

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Administrative Assistant

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1834

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

Number	%
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Total Registered 2,364

Democrats 923 39.0 % Republicans 222 9.4 % Other parties 0 0.0 % Unenrolled Voters 1,219 51.6 %

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Warren town, Worcester County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	4,776	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	4,776	100.0
Male.....	2,342	49.0	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	42	0.9
Female.....	2,434	51.0	Mexican.....	3	0.1
Under 5 years.....	279	5.8	Puerto Rican.....	23	0.5
5 to 9 years.....	388	8.1	Cuban.....	2	-
10 to 14 years.....	422	8.8	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	14	0.3
15 to 19 years.....	304	6.4	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	4,734	99.1
20 to 24 years.....	221	4.6	White alone.....	4,629	96.9
25 to 34 years.....	625	13.1	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	856	17.9	Total population.....	4,776	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	606	12.7	In households.....	4,768	99.8
55 to 59 years.....	227	4.8	Householder.....	1,889	39.6
60 to 64 years.....	218	4.6	Spouse.....	963	20.2
65 to 74 years.....	342	7.2	Child.....	1,499	31.4
75 to 84 years.....	218	4.6	Own child under 18 years.....	1,190	24.9
85 years and over.....	70	1.5	Other relatives.....	143	3.0
Median age (years).....	36.9	(X)	Under 18 years.....	50	1.0
18 years and over.....	3,494	73.2	Nonrelatives.....	274	5.7
Male.....	1,697	35.5	Unmarried partner.....	128	2.7
Female.....	1,797	37.6	In group quarters.....	8	0.2
21 years and over.....	3,329	69.7	Institutionalized population.....	8	0.2
62 years and over.....	760	15.9	Noninstitutionalized population.....	-	-
65 years and over.....	630	13.2	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	282	5.9	Total households.....	1,889	100.0
Female.....	348	7.3	Family households (families).....	1,287	68.1
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	627	33.2
One race.....	4,710	98.6	Married-couple family.....	963	51.0
White.....	4,653	97.4	With own children under 18 years.....	432	22.9
Black or African American.....	20	0.4	Female householder, no husband present.....	229	12.1
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	14	0.3	With own children under 18 years.....	140	7.4
Asian.....	13	0.3	Nonfamily households.....	602	31.9
Asian Indian.....	-	-	Householder living alone.....	491	26.0
Chinese.....	1	-	Householder 65 years and over.....	191	10.1
Filipino.....	2	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	668	35.4
Japanese.....	-	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	477	25.3
Korean.....	7	0.1	Average household size.....	2.52	(X)
Vietnamese.....	-	-	Average family size.....	3.02	(X)
Other Asian ¹	3	0.1	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-	Total housing units.....	2,014	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	1,889	93.8
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	125	6.2
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	10	0.5
Some other race.....	10	0.2	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	1.4	(X)
Two or more races.....	66	1.4	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	7.1	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	1,889	100.0
White.....	4,719	98.8	Owner-occupied housing units.....	1,272	67.3
Black or African American.....	33	0.7	Renter-occupied housing units.....	617	32.7
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	42	0.9	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.71	(X)
Asian.....	21	0.4	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.14	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-			
Some other race.....	33	0.7			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 70

Conventional Federal: 0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 15

Federal (Section 8): 66



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Located in the Worcester area, which has three major cross-state highways: the Worcester Turnpike (Route 9), Route 20, and the Massachusetts Turnpike. I-495 borders to the east, I-190 links to the Fitchburg-Leominster area, I-84 and I-395 connect to Connecticut and points south. The region is well connected by rail and highway to the ports, airports, and intermodal facilities of Boston and Providence.

Major Highways

Principal highways are the Massachusetts Turnpike (Interstate Route 90), with an interchange in neighboring Palmer, and State Routes 19 and 67, which connects up with the Worcester Turnpike (State Route 9) just east of Warren.

Rail

Conrail services a freight rail line through Warren. Contact number: (617) 783-6222

Bus

Warren is a member of the Worcester Regional Transit Authority (WRTA) services are provided for elderly and handicapped persons only.

Other

Metropolitan Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility located in neighboring Palmer, is easily accessible. It has a 2,475'x 55' asphalt runway. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

(American Association of Museums)

None

MUSEUMS

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

None

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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